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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated March 5, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following remarks.